

# SUFFOLK COUNTY

## FARM STATISTICS

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Suffolk County is located on Long Island. In 1998, there were 36,900 acres in farms, 6 percent of the county's total 583,040 acres. There were 715 farms in the county averaging 52 acres per farm. Suffolk county ranks 25th in the state for number of farms and 49th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$167.9 million. Total sales averaged \$276,993 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery and greenhouse, vegetables, potatoes, poultry and poultry products, and fruit and berries.

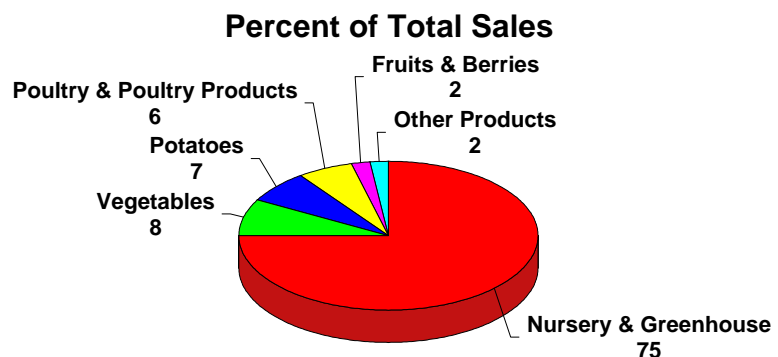
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$641,978. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$72,290 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$122.5 million for an average of \$203,210 per farm. The Census showed 67 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.1 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$29,417.

### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

| Product                    | 1997<br>Sales<br>Thous. Dol. | Percent<br>of<br>Total | County<br>Rank |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Nursery & Greenhouse       | 125,975                      | 75                     | 1              |
| Vegetables                 | 12,899                       | 8                      | 5              |
| Potatoes                   | 11,770                       | 7                      | 1              |
| Poultry & Poultry Products | 9,960                        | 6                      | 3              |
| Fruits & Berries           | 4,095                        | 2                      | 11             |
| Other Products             | 3,159                        | 2                      |                |
| <b>TOTAL SALES</b>         | <b>167,858</b>               |                        |                |

1997 Census of Agriculture

### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

| Year | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | Total Cropland 1/ | Permanent Pasture 2/ | Total Woodland 3/ | Other Land 4/ |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|      |                 | Acres         | Acres             | Acres                | Acres             | Acres         |
| 1940 | 2,344           | 119,016       | 5/                | 5/                   | 22,790            | 5/            |
| 1950 | 2,187           | 123,346       | 83,171            | 2,183                | 22,841            | 15,151        |
| 1959 | 1,258           | 89,776        | 66,092            | 2,142                | 11,970            | 9,572         |
| 1969 | 743             | 61,520        | 53,557            | 5/                   | 3,411             | 5/            |
| 1978 | 777             | 51,853        | 44,733            | 659                  | 2,507             | 3,954         |
| 1982 | 797             | 49,898        | 41,040            | 835                  | 2,790             | 5,233         |
| 1987 | 775             | 44,000        | 35,400            | 400                  | 1,800             | 6,400         |
| 1992 | 690             | 38,900        | 32,900            | 500                  | 1,900             | 3,600         |
| 1993 | 700             | 38,400        | 32,500            | 500                  | 1,600             | 3,800         |
| 1994 | 710             | 37,800        | 31,100            | 700                  | 1,500             | 4,500         |
| 1995 | 710             | 38,300        | 30,100            | 900                  | 1,700             | 5,600         |
| 1996 | 715             | 38,200        | 29,000            | 1,000                | 1,800             | 6,400         |
| 1997 | 725             | 38,500        | 28,100            | 1,200                | 2,000             | 7,200         |
| 1998 | 715             | 36,900        | 29,000            | 900                  | 1,500             | 5,500         |

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.  
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

| Sales Class                 | 1992 | 1997 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|
| Number of Farms             |      |      |
| Under \$10,000              | 175  | 170  |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999        | 131  | 150  |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999        | 90   | 71   |
| \$100,000 or more           | 191  | 215  |
| Farms Reporting             | 587  | 606  |
| U. S. Census of Agriculture |      |      |

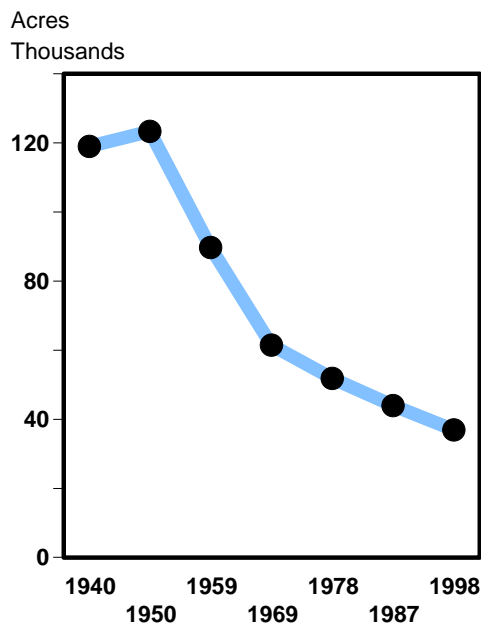
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 4th in the state

| Year | Total     | Population Per Square Mile |
|------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1940 | 197,400   | 217                        |
| 1950 | 276,100   | 303                        |
| 1960 | 666,800   | 732                        |
| 1970 | 1,127,000 | 1237                       |
| 1980 | 1,284,200 | 1410                       |
| 1990 | 1,321,768 | 1451                       |
| 1998 | 1,371,269 | 1505                       |

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

| Year | Planted | Harvested 1/ | Yield   | Production |
|------|---------|--------------|---------|------------|
|      | Acres   | Acres        | Bushels | Bushels    |
| 1940 | 1/      | 358          | 26.3    | 9,399      |
| 1950 | 1/      | 366          | 27.1    | 9,912      |
| 1959 | 1/      | 132          | 33.1    | 4,367      |
| 1969 | 1/      | 1/           | 1/      | 1/         |
| 1978 | 500     | 400          | 62.5    | 25,000     |
| 1982 | 3,000   | 1,000        | 75.0    | 75,000     |
| 1987 | 1,300   | 200          | 42.0    | 8,400      |
| 1992 | 900     | 200          | 88.0    | 17,600     |
| 1993 | 900     | 200          | 66.0    | 13,200     |
| 1994 | 600     | 500          | 73.0    | 36,500     |
| 1995 | 500     | 200          | 58.0    | 11,600     |
| 1996 | 300     | 200          | 55.0    | 11,000     |
| 1997 | 300     | 300          | 79.0    | 23,700     |
| 1998 | 300     | 300          | 71.0    | 21,300     |

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

| Year | Planted | Harvested 1/ | Yield   | Production |
|------|---------|--------------|---------|------------|
|      | Acres   | Acres        | Bushels | Bushels    |
| 1940 | 1/      | 847          | 23.9    | 20,277     |
| 1950 | 1/      | 2,530        | 22.7    | 57,312     |
| 1959 | 1/      | 1,471        | 31.5    | 46,385     |
| 1969 | 900     | 800          | 35.5    | 28,400     |
| 1978 | 8,000   | 2,500        | 39.0    | 97,500     |
| 1982 | 6,800   | 3,400        | 43.0    | 146,200    |
| 1987 | 800     | 500          | 40.0    | 20,000     |
| 1992 | 500     | 400          | 55.0    | 22,000     |
| 1993 | 400     | 400          | 44.0    | 17,600     |
| 1994 | 500     | 500          | 54.0    | 27,000     |
| 1995 | 500     | 500          | 55.0    | 27,500     |
| 1996 | 600     | 600          | 41.0    | 24,600     |
| 1997 | 500     | 400          | 56.0    | 22,400     |
| 1998 | 500     | 500          | 52.0    | 26,000     |

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1/ Not available

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,****1997 Census of Agriculture**

| Total Equine | Rank in State | Inventory Value | Rank in State |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1037         | 16            | 582,000         | 7             |

### CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

| Year | All<br>Planted | Grain     |         |            | Silage    |       |            |
|------|----------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|------------|
|      |                | Harvested | Yield   | Production | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|      | Acres          | Acres     | Bushels | Bushels    | Acres     | Tons  | Tons       |
| 1940 | 3,318          | 1,275     | 29.4    | 37,480     | 1/        | 1/    | 1/         |
| 1950 | 2,663          | 1,151     | 39.9    | 45,871     | 1,163     | 8.6   | 10,001     |
| 1959 | 1,093          | 337       | 56.3    | 18,986     | 686       | 10.7  | 7,325      |
| 1969 | 1,000          | 1/        | 1/      | 1/         | 1/        | 1/    | 1/         |
| 1978 | 1,100          | 500       | 86.0    | 43,000     | 600       | 15.0  | 9,000      |
| 1982 | 1,800          | 1,000     | 100.0   | 100,000    | 700       | 16.0  | 11,200     |
| 1987 | 1,500          | 1,200     | 100.0   | 120,000    | 200       | 16.0  | 3,200      |
| 1992 | 1,600          | 1,300     | 93.0    | 120,900    | 200       | 14.0  | 2,800      |
| 1993 | 1,700          | 1,400     | 104.0   | 145,600    | 300       | 14.0  | 4,200      |
| 1994 | 2,000          | 1,500     | 124.0   | 186,600    | 500       | 17.2  | 8,600      |
| 1995 | 2,300          | 2,000     | 127.0   | 254,900    | 300       | 13.7  | 4,100      |
| 1996 | 2,600          | 2,400     | 125.0   | 300,700    | 200       | 15.0  | 3,000      |
| 1997 | 2,600          | 2,300     | 135.0   | 310,500    | 300       | 17.0  | 5,100      |
| 1998 | 2,800          | 2,400     | 122.0   | 293,400    | 400       | 17.0  | 6,800      |

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

### HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

| Year | Alfalfa Hay |       |            | Other Hay |       |            | Total Hay |       |            |
|------|-------------|-------|------------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------|-------|------------|
|      | Harvested   | Yield | Production | Harvested | Yield | Production | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|      | Acres       | Tons  | Tons       | Acres     | Tons  | Tons       | Acres     | Tons  | Tons       |
| 1940 | 853         | 1.6   | 1,399      | 3,828     | 1.3   | 5,068      | 4,681     | 1.4   | 6,467      |
| 1950 | 419         | 1.6   | 652        | 2,106     | 1.3   | 2,804      | 2,525     | 1.4   | 3,456      |
| 1959 | 452         | 3.0   | 1,366      | 1,011     | 2.0   | 2,008      | 1,463     | 2.3   | 3,374      |
| 1969 | 2/          | 2/    | 2/         | 2/        | 2/    | 2/         | 888       | 2.3   | 2,069      |
| 1978 | 400         | 2.5   | 1,000      | 500       | 2.6   | 1,300      | 900       | 2.6   | 2,300      |
| 1982 | 400         | 2.3   | 900        | 500       | 2.2   | 1,100      | 900       | 2.2   | 2,000      |
| 1987 | 300         | 2.0   | 600        | 300       | 2.7   | 800        | 600       | 2.3   | 1,400      |
| 1992 | 500         | 2.2   | 1,100      | 600       | 1.8   | 1,100      | 1,100     | 2.0   | 2,200      |
| 1993 | 500         | 2.0   | 1,000      | 400       | 1.3   | 500        | 900       | 1.7   | 1,500      |
| 1994 | 400         | 2.8   | 1,100      | 400       | 1.5   | 600        | 800       | 2.1   | 1,700      |
| 1995 | 300         | 2.7   | 800        | 300       | 1.7   | 500        | 600       | 2.2   | 1,300      |
| 1996 | 200         | 3.5   | 700        | 400       | 1.3   | 500        | 600       | 2.0   | 1,200      |
| 1997 | 300         | 2.7   | 800        | 300       | 3.3   | 1,000      | 600       | 3.0   | 1,800      |
| 1998 | 300         | 3.3   | 1,000      | 200       | 3.0   | 600        | 500       | 3.2   | 1,600      |

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available